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June 20, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REJECT BIDS  
PROJECT ID NO. RMD3328021  
ROAD DIVISION 336 AND 339  
CULVERT LINING  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3  
3 VOTES**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Reject all bids received on April 16, 2002, for Project ID No. RMD3328021, Road Divisions 336 and 339 Culvert Lining, in the vicinities of Westlake Village, Malibu Lake, Monte Nido, and Big Rock.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This project consists of the lining of 77 road culverts at various locations in the Malibu area. On April 16, 2002, seven bids were received for the work of this contract, with the low bid 47 percent below the engineer's estimate.

Our review of the bids indicates that, while there are a variety of processes available to install culvert linings, the plans and specifications did not clearly describe the design parameters for the linings to be installed.

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We have determined that additional studies are necessary to clarify the project plans and specifications to ensure the appropriate lining process is selected and installed. Since these modifications will have a significant impact on the scope of work, it is in the best interest of the County to reject the bids received and readvertise the project when the revised plans and specifications are available.

Our certified record of receipt of the bids and the original bid proposals as submitted by the bidders are enclosed.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it is the first step necessary to redesign the project to ensure the appropriate culvert lining process is selected thereby providing continued flood protection for the impacted roads.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Readvertising the project at a later date will ensure that competitive bids are received for the modified project scope. Any additional costs will be offset by improved performance of the subject facilities.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The "Instructions to Bidders" included in the bid documents provides for the rejection of all bids by your Board if such action is in the best interest of the County.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS**

While the proposed improvement will extend the useful life of the culverts, the delay in carrying out this project will have no impact on the current level of services provided by the existing highway improvements.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance